

REMARKS

The specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as constituted by the German language text of PCT/DE2003/003972 has been cancelled in favor of the accompanying Substitute Specification. A verified translation of the German language text of PCT/DE2003/003972 is being filed concurrently in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements. The Substitute Specification is the result of the revision of that verified translation. No new matter is being added by the submission of the Substitute Specification.

Claims 1-133 are cancelled. New claims 134-207 are added. New claims 134-207 are essentially the same, in scope, as the claims which are currently pending in the PCT application. They have been rewritten in a form more in accordance with U.S. practice and eliminating multiple dependencies. No additional filing fee is required by the submission of these claims.

Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, prior to an examination of the application on the merits, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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